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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6167**

**BILL NUMBER: SB 89**

**NOTE PREPARED:** Nov 15, 2005

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Serial meetings and electronic meetings.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** No Fiscal Impact

**Summary of Legislation:** Provides that, absent express statutory authorization, a member of the governing body of a public agency who is not physically present at a meeting but communicates with other members of the governing body during the meeting by an electronic means of communication (excluding electronic mail) may not participate in a final action taken at the meeting or be considered to be present at the meeting. Allows the board of trustees of a state educational institution and the governing body of a joint agency of a municipal utility program to conduct meetings by electronic means. Provides that a series of gatherings by members of the governing body of a public agency violates the open door law if: (1) less than a quorum of members of the governing body attend each gathering; (2) the total number of members attending all gatherings at least equals a quorum of the governing body; (3) all the gatherings concern the same subject matter and are held within a period of not more than seven days; and (4) the gatherings are held for the purpose of conducting official business.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:**

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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